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23 February 1977

Dear JPRS Contractor:

As you know, the U.S. Joint Publications Research Service, which provides translation support as a service of common concern for the U.S. Government, is directly associated with and funded by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Consistent with the policy of the CIA, JPRS cannot enter into any paid or contractual relationship with any full-time or part-time news correspondent accredited by any U.S. news service, newspaper, periodical, radio or television network or station, or with any American clergyman or missionary.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you and all JPRS contractors of this policy. In compliance with this policy, we will be required to terminate our contract with anyone who falls within the categories cited above. I must therefore ask that you inform us immediately should you establish such affiliation in the future.

Sincerely,



U.S. Joint Publications Research Service

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March 3, 1977

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Arlington, VA

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Relative to our phone conversation, the facts are:

I am an ordained minister (Sou. Baptist) but do not carry out the duties of a minister as commonly understood, i.e. pastoring a church.

I work for a worldwide Christian organization (Pocket Testament League) involved in Scripture distribution. I do not work overseas (criterion for being missionary) but rather as executive secretary for Asian affairs.

The organization, P.T.L. has letters of recommendation from every president of the U.S.A. from President Roosevelt on. These are available for inspection.

While overseas on trips, I do no work for JPRS

I hope this explanation is sufficient to continue our present relationship.

If not, I would appreciate hearing from you.

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9 March 1977

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This is in response to your 3 March 1977 letter in which you explain your clergyman status.

I regret to inform you that under our organization's broad interpretation of the prohibition of maintaining contractual relationship with American clergymen, we must terminate your contract. The fact that you are an ordained minister puts you in the category of those we are proscribed from entering into a contractual relationship.

Accordingly, a termination notice effective 1 April 1977 will be forwarded to you under separate cover.

Please accept my appreciation and thanks for the services you have rendered JPRS since 1970.

Sincerely,

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U.S. Joint Publications Research Service
1000 North Glebe Rd.
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear [redacted]

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I wish to appeal your letter of March 9, 1977 which terminates my translation contract with JPRS on the basis of my ordination (not currently being used as pastor of a church) in the past.

In talking with my brother-in-law recently who specializes in law cases dealing with un-even application of law (and rules) and discrimination, I understand that this will place you in the position of having to terminate contracts with everyone who has at any time in the past served as a missionary, minister or was ever connected with a news firm. And the burden of proof will be on you. You will have to prove that you have so searched out each case and acted fairly.

I am sure in the JPRS files, which I believe are suppeonable you would find some not now practising who have been connected in the past with such activities.

I appreciate your promise to the American public not to utilize religious personnel to gather information, but surely translation work is not the same. Our cooperation with the government as citizens has always been part of what we believe a Christian should do. This was true while we served as missionaries (1955-1967) in Indonesia.

In light of the above reasons, I ask you to withdraw your termination notice. If I become active as a minister (pastoring a church) or as a missionary (in overseas work) I will tender my own resignation.

Sincerely,

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